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MEDIUM, AND METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING/
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In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003, requiring restriction in the above-identified application, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1 - 14 - and 17 - 32, optical disc and specifics of composition) as the invention to be examined. This election is made without traverse but without prejudice to the presentation of claims to the non-elected invention in a divisional application.

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